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MEMORANDUM FOR A1 MAJCOM/CV/SG/DO/IG

SUBJECT: Aeromedical Evacuation Medical Oversight

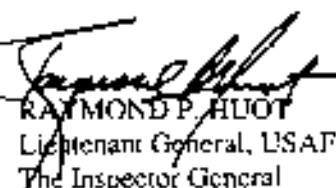
The aeromedical evacuation (AE) medical oversight process, originally approved by the Medical Oversight Board in 1998, has been revised. This process, which consisted of metrics reported by AF units to their MAJCOMs and validation visits by the Air Force Inspection Agency (AFIA), was originally intended to limit the inspection footprint while ensuring management effectiveness in key areas not covered by other oversight mechanisms. Several concerns were identified as weaknesses that hampered the effectiveness of the process, including the lack of well-defined indicators and formal guidance for process implementation. Additionally, lack of standardized reporting by units through their chain of command and accountability for findings during on-site assessments conducted by AFIA detracted from oversight effectiveness.

To address these concerns, in August 2000 we asked AFIA to re-evaluate the entire process. As a result of this evaluation, which included input from MAJCOMs and equivalents, we tasked AFIA to improve the 1998 AE indicator-based oversight process and to correct the previously mentioned shortcomings.


At the January 2001 SAF/IG-AP/SG Summit, we approved AFIA's proposed revision of the AE medical oversight process. Since AF units undergo a significant amount of oversight and in an effort to avoid redundancy, we limited the focus of the indicator-based system to critical aspects of the clinical arena and professional development and training. This process is consistent with the concept of "sustained performance" and is intended to limit the inspection footprint on units.

AE units are to report first quarter (January-March 2001) metrics in April 2001 utilizing the January 2001 version of the AE medical oversight process. The first on-site assessment will be conducted by AFIA in August 2001. AFIA will coordinate on-site assessments with MAJCOMs and will give units a minimum of 60 days notice prior to the visits. The AE medical oversight user guide and revised indicators are posted on the AFIA web page, <https://www-4afia.san.af.mil>.

Please share this information with your AE units. If you have any questions, please contact our POC at HQ AFIA/SGS, Major Rosalinda Oliver, DSN 246-2450, or [rosalinda.oliver@kafb.san.af.mil](mailto:rosalinda.oliver@kafb.san.af.mil).



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Talking Paper on AE Medical Oversight